

598 migrants received emergency assistance through the IOM mobile unit in the Obock region.

121 vulnerable migrants benefited from voluntary return assistance to their country of origin.

Organization of workshops to present the national referral mechanism for migrants in the northern and southern regions of the country.

Donations of medical equipment to the medical centres in the different regions of the country.

Celebration of Eid el Fitr at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock.



A group of migrants enjoy their meal at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

In collaboration with the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration, IOM organized workshops to present the national referral mechanism for vulnerable migrants in the regions of the country.

In order to strengthen access to basic health services for vulnerable populations living in Djibouti, medical equipment was donated to the Medical Centers of the northern and southern regions of the

country. Migrants hosted at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock celebrated Eid el Fitr around a meal followed by traditional Ethiopian festivities.

With the technical support of an agronomist, IOM organized the 4th phase of a training on fodder crop cultivation for the benefit of 20 individuals living in the locality of Fantehrou, on the outskirts of Obock town.

During the month of May, the number of entries observed at the different flow monitoring points increased by more than 60% compared to last month, from 8,900 entries from Ethiopia during the month of April, to nearly 15,000 entries during the month of May.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In May, 20,882 movements were observed by the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) at key transit points in Djibouti, corresponding to a daily average of 674 movements.

Migration flows increased by 28% compared to April 2022 (16,339 movements). For the first time, they exceeded the levels observed during the pre-COVID-19 period (between March 2019 and March 2020, the daily average was 654). 82% of Ethiopian migrants decided to migrate for economic reasons while 8% leave the country because of conflict, food insecurity, and unemployment caused by the on-going conflict between the tigray and the Federal Army of Ethiopia. Movements from Ethiopia also increased significantly compared to the previous month, with a total of 14,495 entries (+62%). In contrast, outflows to Ethiopia decreased

by 15% with a total of 865 outflows. Between January and May 2022, a total of 49,764 migrants from Ethiopia entered Djibouti until the end of May. Of the 20,882 movements recorded in May 2022 through Djibouti, 13 % were in Obock, in the coastal region of Djibouti where migrants cross the Gulf of Aden to the Arabian Peninsula along the eastern route. On this route, spontaneous returns of Ethiopian migrants from Yemen continue to be observed. Since the beginning of 2022, 2,886 returns from Yemen have been recorded with a total of 496 in May 2022. In addition, some Ethiopian migrants transiting through Djibouti remain stranded there due to lack of resources to continue their journey. Thus, 673 people were stranded in 7 informal sites in the regions of Dikhil (37%), Obock (34%), and Ali-Sabieh (29%).

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DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS

In May 2022, IOM teams in Obock continued to provide life-saving assistance to vulnerable migrants transiting through the region. At the Obock's Migration Response Centre (MRC), 376 migrants (261 males, 46 females including 69 minors) received assistance with water, food, non-food items, and medical and psychosocial support. During this month, thanks to the mobile unit, 598 migrants (456 men, 84 women including 58 children) received water, food, and emergency medical assistance along the desert coast of the Obock region.



IOM mobile team assists migrants returning from Yemen in Obock's desert © Photo: IOM Djibouti.

With the funding from the European Union (EU-IOM Joint Initiative, DG ECHO), IOM teams in Obock continue to provide multi-sectoral assistance to meet the basic needs of migrants staying at the center, but also those in transit to Ethiopia.



RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

During the month of May, 116 extremely vulnerable migrants hosted at IOM's MRC were able to return, in a safe and informed manner, to Ethiopia through the Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) program. In addition, IOM facilitated the return of 4 vulnerable migrants (4 women and 1 child), who were living in Djibouti City, to the Democratic Republic of Congo. This assistance is funded by the European Union (EU) under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa project. Through the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program and the Canadian government-assisted refugee program, IOM teams facilitated the departure of 18 persons with refugee status to Canada (9 men, 9 women).



IOM staff member assists a migrant beneficiary of the Assisted Voluntary Return program © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

The beneficiaries of this project benefited from pre-departure training on the culture and customs of the host country to facilitate their integration.



MIGRATION AND GOVERNANCE

IOM, in collaboration with the National Coordination Mechanism for Migration, organized workshops to present the national referral mechanism for vulnerable migrants to actors providing protection and assistance services to vulnerable migrants in the regions of Obock, Tadjourah, Dikhil and Ali Sabieh.



Meeting on the referral mechanism for vulnerable migrants in Tadjourah © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

The workshops were attended by representatives of local authorities, civil society organizations, law enforcement agencies (Gendarmerie, National Police Minors' Brigade), the National Human Rights Commission, ONARS, Regional Medical Centres and UN agencies, working in these regions.

These meetings allowed actors to familiarize themselves with the referral process, take stock of the services available in the regions, and discuss the challenges and needs in terms of assistance and protection of migrants.



PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

On the occasion of the celebration of Eid El fitr, which symbolizes the end of the month of Ramadan, the IOM, organized, in its Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock, cultural and recreational activities. A total of 280 migrants currently hosted at the center celebrated this holiday with a delicious meal, followed by a coffee ceremony and the organization of some other cultural activities.



Migrants enjoy their meal at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock © Photo : IOM Djibouti 2022

This activity was funded by the European Union under the project "EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa".

On the morning of May 18, 2022, 35 staff members of the Obock COAM were trained on issues related to the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).



Training in the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse at the Obock COAM © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

This training aimed at raising awareness on sexual exploitation and abuse, including on the UN standards of conduct on sexual exploitation and abuse, the consequences of sexual exploitation and abuse, and the obligations of the staff in this regard.

During this month, IOM organized a protection training for the benefit of 16 participants from the Djibouti Red Crescent, the Nation Union of Djibouti Women (UNFD) and the staff of the IOM's Migration Response Centre in Obock.



Group photo of the participants of the protection training © Photo : IOM Djibouti 2022

This workshop allowed participants to strengthen their knowledge in protection, identification of victims of trafficking and child protection. This activity was organized with funding from the European Union within the framework of the project "EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa".



HEALTH

In order to strengthen access to basic health services for vulnerable populations, including migrants, IOM donated medical equipment to the Medical Centres of Dikhil, Obock, Tadjourah and Ali Sabieh regions, which have also been rehabilitated by IOM. These donations were made within the framework of the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants living in Djibouti territory" financed by the European Union. The donated equipment will respond to the needs of health facilities in these regions along the migration corridor, and provide tailored medical assistance to vulnerable populations, including migrants.



Donation des équipements médicaux au CMH de la région de la région de Dikhil © Photo : OIM Djibouti 2022

On May 28, 2022, within the framework of the « EU response to the health and socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in IGAD region » project and in order to continue to support the Ministry of Health in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic, IOM donated a batch of essential equipment to the covid-19 screening centers in Guéllilé and Galafi.



Donation of equipment to the covid-19 screening centers in Guéllilé and Galafi. Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

This equipment, consisting mainly of medicines, gas bottles, awareness raising posters, waste collectors, etc., was received by the chief medical officers of these two localities. These items will strengthen the operational capacities of the testing centers and ensure the functioning of these two centres to fight against COVID-19 pandemic in an efficient and sustainable way.



MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

On May 14, 2022, IOM, with the technical support of an agronomist, organized the 4th phase of its training on fodder crop cultivation for the benefit of 20 individuals living in

the locality of fantaherou in Obock. 10 migrants currently hosted at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock and 5 IOM staff members participated in this training in order to acquire knowledge in the field of fodder crop management and contribute to the sustainability of the project.

Additional training was also organized in Obock in the nursery of the Migration Response Centre (MRC). 10 migrants and 10 IOM staff members involved in the running of the nursery were trained by the agronomist.



A beneficiary of the Fanteherou fodder crop cultivation project prepares to water his plot. Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022.

The above mentioned projects are funded by the European Union within the framework of the project "Durable solutions for the Most Vulnerable Refugees, Host Populations and Migrants living in Djibouti territory" and contribute to greening the city.



Training of migrants and IOM staff involved in the management of the Obock nursery © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022.